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MENORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES S. LAY, JR.

- 1. The attached draft was proposed as groundwork for a Fresidential speech in the event the communists break off the rejectiations for an armistice in Korea. The introduction (page one) should be considered simply as illustrative; it would obviously have to be written to fit the immediate circumstances if the event occurs. The rest of the draft, however, should be reviewed enrefully, and work should so forward to improve it.
- 2. I believe the best procedure at this point would be to ask the appropriate agencies to review the substance of the draft, primarily from the standpoint of whether it odvers the right ground and makes the right points. Not much attention should be read as yet to editorial ratters such as pleasing and sentence structure.
- 3. By own feeling is that the draft leaves uncovered three important areas. If the commendate break off negotiations and renew the attack, they would premumbly be justing a much more serious decision than the ones they made last surmer and fell then they may have expected quick success, how they can have no illusions as to our counitment. If this is true, then the Proni-dent's speech, in addition to the ground covered in this draft, should undoubtedly discuss, to some degree at least, (1) to increase in our own defense preparations that will be called for, (2) the major diplomatic measures that will be taken - for example, a direct diplomatic approach to Mosecur, and (3) the steps to will take in the United Nations - for example, proposing to "attless" the Chinese communist government. These retters are, of diames, not discussed in the gridance paper prepared by State a capilo of weeks ago, which was limited almost entirely to possible marrors of action in the Morean area.

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